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Title: DATA BUS FOR A PLURALITY OF NODES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification is submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel 1 and 2 and add new claims 3-6 as follows:

-- 3.. A data bus arrangement for connecting a plurality of nodes to one another, said arrangement comprising:

Al a logic decision gate having a plurality of inputs for receiving a corresponding plurality of first electrical signals routed from said plurality of nodes wherein an output of the logical decision gate is connected in parallel to provide second electrical output signals routed to each of said plurality of nodes;